

Sexual Assault EBLAST

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Greetings!

We hope all of you are enjoying the fall weather! Today we are highlighting forensic interviews for child victims of sexual assault. Reminder: Child victims of sexual assault may be eligible for additional medical benefits under our Compensation Program at DCVC. Go to www.sova.sc.gov

- ❖ The law governing DCVC's response to adult sexual assault victims: **S.C. Code of Laws, Section 16-3-1350** also applies to acute child victims of sexual assault
- ❖ DCVC follows the same SLED Acute Protocol for both children and adults who present to either the emergency room or Child Advocacy Center
- ❖ Children age 17 and under must have an exam performed within 120 hours to qualify reimbursement
- ❖ A child age 17 or younger cannot file for anonymous report
- ❖ **PER SOUTH CAROLINA: RAPE VICTIMS ARE NOT TO BE BILLED FOR THEIR RAPE EXAM, NOR SHOULD THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE BE FILED. ALSO, NEVER SEND A RAPE VICTIM'S ACCOUNT TO COLLECTIONS. Always call or email Ruth Brockman for questions or concerns, regarding any billing issues that you may have (see contact information below).**

Note: Please forward this email to anyone you believe should be a recipient of the EBLAST! Or send us the email of someone who should receive the EBLAST! So we can add them to the list; Let us know if you do not want to receive the EBLAST!

Sincerely,

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